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We are lowering our printing costs and our carbon footprint by scaling down our calendar. Visit **www.lapena.org** for program details.

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La Peña Cultural Center • Calendar of Events • January 2012

See February 2012 on the back

Classes for the Masses at La Peña
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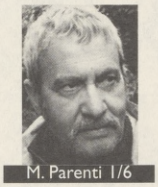
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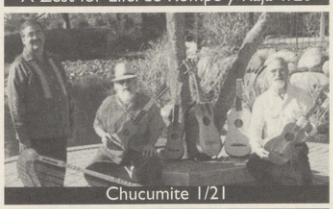
Chucumite 1/21

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Renacer Folklorico Bolivia 1/28

SUNDAY

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CLOSED TODAY
La Peña Cultural Center and Cafe Valparaiso wish you all
A happy 2012!
Occupy America!

8 BENEFIT

Come celebrate, honor
Yvette Hochberg
valiantly fighting brain & lung cancer. Fundraising benefit filled with good music.
3-5 pm $10*
(suggested donation)
no one turned away for lack of funds

15 Lounge Rumba 3:30-6pm

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom."
–Martin Luther King, Jr.

22 STORYTELLING

Senior Theater Company
Stagebridge's
Heroes, Lovers & Roommates
Live music & cutting edge, inspirational stories
3:30pm $12 gen. $10*
(students & seniors)

29 Mexican Tardeada 3-6pm

Avotcja
A Music/Poetry Extravaganza
(See list of performers at lapena.org)
A benefit to get *Avotcja* a wheelchair van.
7pm-9:30pm $10-$25*

WEDNESDAY

4 CLASSES

Ted Maddry & *Beyond Blues'*
Blues Dance
Learn the partner dance that anyone can do! Then dance the night away with drink specials from Café Valparaíso. ***Every Wed.***
7-8pm

11 Lounge Skeptics 7pm Free

Amir's Poetry Class
Jan. 11 - Feb. 29
Wednesdays 6-8pm

18 Blues Dance Class 7-11pm

The People's Community Yoga
Every Saturday at 4pm
Every Monday at 7pm

25 Blues Dance Class 7-11pm

Sundays
Djembe
Afro-Puerto Rican Dance
Domingo de Rumba
(1st & 3rd Sundays)
Tardeada
Mexican Music Jam
(4th Sundays)

The Rubinoos 1/28 10:30am

THURSDAY

5 Check La Peña's Great Classes

Mondays
Latin Jazz Orchestra
Puerto Rican Music
The People's Community Yoga
Tuesdays
La Peña Community Chorus
(Audition & Dues required)

12 For Complete Class Listing, visit lapena.org

Wednesdays
Blues Dance
Amir's Poetry Class
Thursdays
Bomba Percussion & Dance Youth

19 Affordable Classes

Fridays
Rockin' Kids Sing-Along. Vocals for Kids!
Saturdays
Adult Afro-Peruvian Dance & Percussion
Afro-Peruvian Youth Ensemble
The People's Community Yoga

26 BENEFIT

Education & Sustainable Agriculture in El Salvador
Healing & Rebuilding with El Salvador
Talk, Live Music & Bocaditos de Pupusa. **7pm $5-$50***
(Sliding Scale Donation)

FRIDAY

6 TALK

Democracy and the Pathology of Wealth
a talk by noted author
Michael Parenti
7:30pm $12 gen. $10 adv.
$10 students w/ID

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20 FILM & PERFORMANCE

Release of documentary film
A Zest for Life
Afro-Peruvian Rhythms, a Source of Latin Jazz. Performance by the group ***de Rompe y Raja***
8pm $15 dr. $12 adv.

27 CONCERT

originals songs with a few popular French moderns
DGiin
From Paco de Lucia flamenco to Django Reinhardt gypsy guitar and vocals á la Edith Piaf.
8pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

Art Exhibit
January 5- Feb 26, La Peña Theater: Original artwork by **Valerie Brown Trout**. Art & meaning through scrap paper images. January 4-January29, Lounge & Cafe: **Michole Forks** A collection of photographs

SATURDAY

7 REUNION CONCERT

Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble of SF
7pm $12 dr. $10 students $7 seniors & children 5 years & under.
Adv. tickets available at www.lapena.org
A partial benefit for L.P

14 COMMEMORATION

The Cuban Revolution: Film & Speaker
The Power of Community
How Cuba Survived Peak Oil
(2006, 53 min. dir. Faith Morgan)
7:30pm $10, $5 (discount)

Valerie Brown-Troutt
Exhibit Opening 4-5:30pm

21 Prospect Bear 10:30am

CONCERT
On tour, Santa Barbara - based *son jarocho* music ensemble
Chucumite
A trio performing the music of Veracruz.
8pm $12 adv. $15 dr.

28 The Rubinoos 10:30am

Bolivian Dance & Music
Renacer Folklorico Bolivia
(Celebrating its 20 years)
& Kusikuna
8pm $13 adv. $15 dr.

2nd Gen's La Pelanga 10pm $5

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See January 2011 on the back

La Peña Cultural Center in collaboration with the 2012 Black Choreographer's Festival: Here & Now 2012 present

Marc Joseph Bamuthi's

Word Becomes Flesh

a dance performance featuring five dancers & a DJ.

"a searing, satisfying evening...critically, lyrically and choeographically examines the experience of fatherhood in the black community..."
–The Washington Post, July 2011

Saturday Feb. 11, 2012 • 8pm
Laney College Forum Theater.
For ticket information visit www.lapena.org.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Blues Dance Class 7-11pm Relevant scientific issues **Lounge Science** An encouraging public engagement with science in a casual conversation with members of the scientific community **7pm. free**	**2** La Peña Enseña ***La Peña Teaches New Classes Added Check Classes at: www.lapena.org***	**3** JOINT BENEFIT United Roots & La Peña 2nd Gen Present **Aint' No Power like the Power of the Youth** Music showcase & dance party Special guest DJ's & performers. All ages. **8pm $10***	**4** Earthcapades 10:30am **Lior Tsarfaty & Ensemble** international musicians in an evening of musical collaboration **8pm $16 adv. $20 dr.**
8 Blues Dance Class 7-11pm Can You Feel the Science?!? **Lounge Skeptics** Science, sensationalism, & the media. Does sensationalism hurt or help the perception of science? **7pm Free**	**9** Check Amiguitos de La Peña Children's Music Series EverySaturday at 10:30am	**10** CONCERT On tour from Chile **Catalina Claro** Multi-instrumentalist singer and songwriter. **8pm $15**	**11** Rosina & Friends 10:30am Carnaval Celebration **Sarava Zamba** Berkeley's own Brazilian ensemble **9:30pm $10 adv. $12 dr.**
12 CONCERT Report Back Concert: Uruguay & Argentina, July 2011 **La Peña Community Chorus** **7pm $15 adv. $18 dr.**	**15** **CHECK LA PEÑA'S** WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. & UP-TO-THE MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG**	**16** FILM Banned in Mexico! **Presunto Culpable** (Presumed Guilty) Dir. Roberto Hernández (Mexico, 2010) 90 min. **7:30pm $10 gen.** ($8 discount)	**17** **RENT LA PEÑA** Plan your community activity at La Peña. Priority is given to day time rentals. Call us at 510-849-2568 ext. 20	**18** Ms Kitty 10:30am A video shoot with the artist **George "TraGiC" Doman** a member of Krip-Hop Nation: Hip-Hop Artists/Musicians with disabilities. **6:30-9:30pm $5***
19 Lounge Rumba 3:30-6pm **La Peña Donors Make a World of a Difference!** YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE AT WWW.LAPENA.ORG.	**22** Blues Dance Class 7-11pm The People's Community Yoga Every Saturday at 4pm Every Monday at 7pm	**23** CONCERT Chilean singer & songwriter **Natalia Contesse** Debuting in the US, Natalia mixes Chilean Traditions like the Cueca, la Tonada and the Guitarra Campesina **7:30pm $15**	**24** CONCERT Singer & songwriter **Lichi Fuentes** with Donna Viscusso and Hugo Wainzinger **8pm $16 adv. $18 dr.**	**25** Prospect Bear 10:30am Queer folk trio **Eli Conley & Hip for Squares** Final concert together. With Indie rock band **Dear Indugu & The Skinny** **8pm $10-20** sliding scale 2nd Gen's La Pelanga 10pm $5
26 Mexican Tardeada 3-6pm **Annual Pat Parker Tribute** Proceeds go to Pat's Daughter Anastasia Dunham-Parker. See artist Line-up at lapena.org **7-9:30pm $10-$20***	**29** Blues Dance Class 7-11pm Where can you hear great music, see fascinating dances, experience provocative theater, & take music classes whether you are octogenarian or only three years old? At La Peña, of course!			

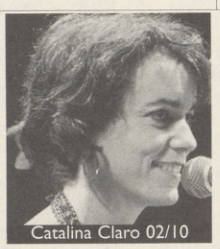
SUNDAY

5 Lounge Rumba 3:30-6pm
Proyecto Historias de Hombres: ¡En Voz Alta!
Film & dialogue with dir. Josie Lehrer
7pm $10-20 sliding scale*

Eli Conley & Hip for Squares 2/11

Lior Tsarfaty & Ensemble 2/4

George "TraGiC" Doman 2/18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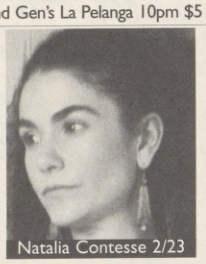
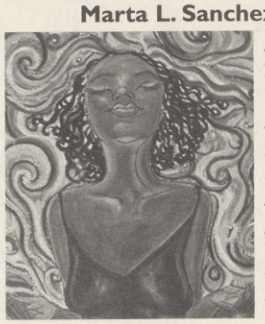

Natalia Contesse 2/23

Amiguitos, La Peña Children's Music Series 10:30am $6 adults $5 kids

Saturday February 4: **Earthcapades**
Saturday February 11: **Rosina & Friends**
Saturday February 18: **Ms Kitty**
Saturday February 25: **Prospect Bear**

La Peña Community Chorus & Madres de La Plaza de Mayo 2/12

Marta L. Sanchez Art Exhibit



Art Exhibit for February 2 - March 3i in the La Peña Cafe and Lounge. Afro-Panamanian artist, Marta L. Sanchez exhibit ***Dreams of Ancestors & Angels***, an exploration of guidance, survival and love. Visit www.poetryandart.org for more information.

Day Time Box Office: Monday - Friday from 2:30-6:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: only some shows have advance ticket sales available

(Adv. tickets will be held at the will-call window and can be picked up 30 min. prior to showtime)

By Phone: Call 510-849-2568 x20, $2 credit card service fee.
In Person: Avoid the $2 service charge by paying with cash or check.
Online: Visit www.lapena.org or brownpapertickets.com.
By Mail: Send a check 6 days prior to the event to: La Peña Box Office (See Address at the front). Please include a daytime phone number.

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non-profit mission of promoting peace, social justice, and cultural understanding through the arts, education, & community action! Cultural work goes far beyond the presentation of diverse performance and visual arts. La Peña connects people actively engaged in social movements with a broader audience. Let's make sure that La Peña continues to be a central place where dialogue for social and economic justice happens.

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